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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: PRESS STATEMENT BY GDR REP

29 MAY 1974

FOLLOWING IS THE UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY THE  
GDR DELEGATION OF THE PRESS STATEMENT BY GDR REP (OESER)  
ON 29 MAY 1974.

BEGIN TEXT:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT IS WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION THAT I WELCOME TODAY THE  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AUSTRIAN AND FOREIGN PRESS. I CAN ASSURE  
YOU THAT WE WATCH YOUR ACTIVITIES WITH GREAT ATTENTION FOR WE  
APPRECIATE THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH JOURNALISTS CAN MAKE TO THE  
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SUCCESSFULL OUTCOME OF SUCH A CONFERENCE BY OBJECTIVE REPORTS.

THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS.

AS YOU KNOW FROM THE RECENT DECLARATION OF THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION THE GDR, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION, ADVOCATES THE COMPLEMENT OF THE POLITICAL DETENTE BY MILITARY DETENTE. ALSO DURING THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS THE PARTICIPATING SOCIALIST STATES ARE GUIDED BY THE FUNDAMENTAL IDEA THAT A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION WILL BE POSSIBLE IF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR ALL PARTIES IS SECURED. THUS THEY ACT ACCORDING TO THE MEANING OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE END OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS, I.E. "THAT SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS MUST IN ALL RESPECTS AND AT EVERY POINT CONFORM TO THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR EACH PARTY".

ACCORDING TO THE VIEW OF THE GDR DELEGATION THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS SO FAR HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY THE USSR, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND GDR FULLY CONFORMS TO THIS PRINCIPLE. PROCEEDING FROM THIS FACT THE SOCIALIST STATES HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT AND SHOWN FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER TO REACH POSITIVE RESULTS. AND WE ARE DOING SO ALSO IN THIS THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN THE REDUCTION FROM THE VERY OUTSET AND IN EACH STAGE, AS PROVIDED FOR BY OUR DRAFT AGREEMENT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RESULT OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS. WE ADVOCATE THE EQUIVALENT REDUCTION OF NATIONAL AND FOREIGN FORCES BECAUSE THE GROUPINGS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NATO, AS WELL AS OF THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION, COMPRISE NATIONAL AND FOREIGN CONTINGENTS.

THE GDR, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHOSE FORCES ARE NATIONAL CONTINGENTS WITHIN THIS MEANING ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REDUCTION FROM THE VERY OUTSET. DOING SO THEY NATURALLY EXPECT THAT ALSO THE NATIONAL CONTINGENTS OF NATO, I.E. THE ARMED FORCES OF THE FRG, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG, WILL BE INVOLVED

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IN THE REDUCTION FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. WE THUS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT TROOPS OF THESE STATES AND OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE USA STAND IMMEDIATELY AT THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE GDR.

THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THESE STATES IN THE REDUCTION FROM THE VERY OUTSET CORRESPONDS TO THEIR OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MUTUAL REDUCTION. THIS IS THE BASIS FOR THE NECESSARY MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND CONFORMS TO THE RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDI-

NISHED SECURITY RECOGNIZED BY ALL PARTIES. ONLY THE FAIR COOPERATION OF ALL PARTICIPATING STATEW, NOT AIMED AT SEEKING UNILATERAL ADVANTAGES, IS THE WAY TOWARDS A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE.  
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